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TO PRESIDENTS OF ECUMENICAL COMMISSIONS OF EPISCOPAL CONFERENCES
AND OF SYNODS OF EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Dear Brother in Christ,

It is my pleasure to write to you regarding the **2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. You will find enclosed the original English text, together with French, Portuguese and Spanish translations of the material for 2025. In the coming weeks, versions in other languages will also be available on the DPCU website (www.christianunity.va).

The theme of the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is based on a text from the Gospel of St John: “Do you believe this” (John 11:26). The prayers and reflections were prepared by the brothers and sisters of the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy. As usual, an international team appointed jointly by the DPCU and the Faith and Order Commission of the WCC worked with the drafters to finalise the materials.

As you will know, 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the first Ecumenical Council. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the Creed formulated during this Council. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians. Let us pray that the grace we implore as Catholics during the Jubilee year will also be poured out in our ecumenical endeavours, giving new impetus to the paths of reconciliation between all believers in Christ.

The materials include an introduction to the theme, an ecumenical worship service, a selection of short readings and prayers for each day of the week. Because of the ecumenical significance of the year 2025, short patristic texts, mostly dating from the first millennium, were also included, in order to provide an insight into Christian reflection at that time, and to help situate the Council of Nicaea’s definitions in the contexts that gave rise to them and those that were influenced by them. The resources can be drawn upon in many ways, and are intended for use not only during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, but throughout 2025.

The DPCU requests that you bring these resources to the attention of those responsible for coordinating Week of Prayer for Christian Unity events. We strongly encourage regional or local adaptation of the material, so that it may effectively address the local religious, social and cultural context. It is also hoped that the material will be adapted and made available to groups and associations of young people. This process will provide a further valuable opportunity for collaboration between Christians at the local level.

With every good wish, and in appreciation of your efforts for the cause of Christian Unity, I remain
Yours sincerely in Christ,


✠ Flavio Pace
Secretary

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